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**Filed: JULY 30, 2001**

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY** Technology Center 2100

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Sir:

The applicants in the patent application identified above here respond to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed March 1, 2002.

On November 7, 2001, the applicants mailed a Response to Notice to File Missing Parts, followed by a Supplemental Response mailed November 9, 2001. The postal reply cards returned by the PTO show that the Response was received January 16, 2002 and that the Supplemental Response was received January 9, 2002. A copy of each postcard is enclosed herewith.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on March 14, 2002.

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Application No. 09/918,303  
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A copy of the Notice of Incomplete Reply dated March 1, 2002 is enclosed.

The Notice of Incomplete Reply asserts that the "Reply on 01/09/2002" (i.e., the Supplemental Response) failed to include a signed oath or declaration, and required payment of \$60 for six independent claims over three. However, the applicants did submit that Declaration with their Response to Notice to File Missing Parts (mailed November 7, 2001 and received at the PTO January 16, 2002). A copy of that Declaration is enclosed herewith.

Turning to the fee, the applicants submitted payment of \$1,536 with the Supplemental Response. That fee included payment of \$480 for six independent claims over three. A copy of that check, and of the applicants' fee calculation sheet accompanying the check, is enclosed.

Accordingly, the applicants submit that the excess claims fee was timely paid in this application. However, if the PTO still believes that \$60 fee remains payable, the undersigned calls attention to the authorization to charge additional fees to a deposit account, in the aforementioned Response. That authorization was part of a timely response, and the applicants should not be required to pay further extension fees or petition to revive the application at this time.

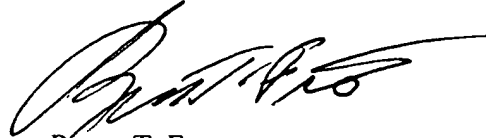
The foregoing is submitted as a complete response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply. The undersigned acknowledges that the PTO may have mailed that Notice before matching

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applicants' Response with this file. However, at this time the applicants are making of record its position that it timely submitted all items needed to complete this application.

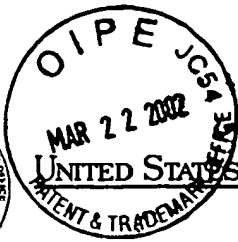
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 01/09/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 09/05/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

- The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).
- A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The required items noted below SHOULD be filed along with any items required above. The filing date of this nonprovisional application will be the date of receipt of the items required above.

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$60.
  - \$60 for 6 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 60.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

*A. Tesfaye*  
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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

The U.S. Patent & Trademark Office official Mailroom stamp affixed hereto, acknowledges receipt of the items checked below:

Applicant: AKIHITO NISHIKAWA, ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/918,303

Filed: July 30, 2001

Title: Product Design Process and Product Design Apparatus

Papers: Supplemental Response to Notice to File Missing Parts (1 page)  
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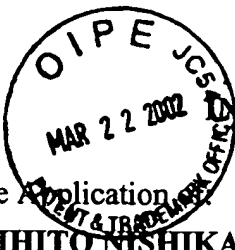
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS – FILING DATE GRANTED**

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Transmitted herewith are papers in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Formalities Letter – Notice to File Missing Parts of Application – Filing Date Granted.
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.
- ☐ The additional fee is calculated as shown below.

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE			\$355		\$710	710
TOTAL CLAIMS	32 - 20 = 12	x9 =			x18 =	216
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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,536.00 is attached.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-0855. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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**PAPERS SUBMITTED:**

Response to Notice to File Missing Parts; copy of Notice; executed Declaration  
and POA; \$1,536 check; Petition for Extension of Time; \$110 check

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